

Preliminary Amendment
U.S. Application S. N. 09/868,620
Attorney Docket No. 010756

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-21 are pending in this application. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 13 and 14 have been amended herein. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Support for proposed claim amendments is as follows:

Support for the amendment to claim 1 to recite “having a straight shape” may be found in claim 4.

Support for the amendment to claim 13 regarding the heat decomposable resin may be found in the specification on page 12, line 6-11. Support regarding the catalyst may be found on page 12, lines 20-23.

Support for the amendment to claim 14 may be found on page 12, line 24, of the specification.

The above amendments are believed to place the in proper condition for examination. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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